

## ASKS FOR CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

Stubbs Wants Convention Held in North Carolina in 1913.

### IMPORTANT BILL BY KOONCE

Measure Provides for Investigation of Conduct of Fire Insurance Companies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—Representative Stubbs, of Martin, introduced to the House proceedings the legislative feature of the day by the introduction of a bill providing a Constitutional Convention for North Carolina, suspended as is the House of Representatives, which the bill declares, in many particulars is unsuited to the wants and conditions of the people. The bill provides for a vote in the general election of 1912, and if the convention is voted it shall convene in Raleigh on the first Monday in May, 1913.

Joint resolution by Koonce, of Onslow, is a close second in importance, being for a court of inquiry of three from the House and two from the Senate, with all the powers of a court, to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in North Carolina.

This is along the line of the recommendation of Governor Kitchen as to fire insurance legislation. Koonce appeared for his bill to be put on immediate passage, and as he has decided objections to passing bills without reference to committee, and it went to committee.

General Carr was also refused consent to put on immediate passage his bill to enable Trinity College to own property, especially so that it can receive aid in rebuilding the administration building, burned this week.

The Senate received from the House a bill passed yesterday prohibiting near-beer saloons in Macon county, having been first reported as applying to the whole State. Senator Brown, in objecting to immediate passage, declared that there was such an overwhelming sentiment evident in the Assembly for such an act as to the entire State that he advised holding the Macon bill in committee until this was done, or at least acted upon. This course was taken.

### SENATE COMMITTEES.

The President of the Senate announces the appointment of the standing committees with the following chairmen:

Appropriations—Long, of Ireland. Insurance—Pharr, of Mecklenburg. Finance—Brown, of Columbus. Corporation Commission—Thorne, of Nash.

Judiciary—Graham, of Orange. Education—Barham, of Wayne. Banks and Currency—Rascoe, of Edgecombe.

Propositions and Grievances—McLaughlin, of Cumberland. Agriculture and Fisheries—Cobb, of Robeson.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Boyd, of Johnston. Claims—Baggett, of Harnett. Railroads—Green, of Craven.

Internal Law—London, of Chatham. General Relations—Carpenter, of Johnston. Divisions and Elections—Hardie, of Washington.

Pensions and Soldiers' Home—Boyd, of Rowan. Penal Institutions—Cotten, of Pitt. Mining—Lemmond, of Union.

Engrossed Bills—Johnson, of Duplin. Counties, Cities and Towns—Maxlin, of Buncombe. Fisheries—Martin, of Washington.

Congressional Apportionment—McKinnon, of Halifax. Shellfish—Davis, of Beaufort. Senate Expenditures—Barber, of Johnston.

Institutions for the Blind—Holden, of Franklin. Commerce—Fisher, of Polk. Internal Improvements—Coxe, of Jackson.

Journal—Hawkins, of Warren. Institutions for the Deaf—Hicks, of Greenville. Constitutional Amendment—Barnes, of Hertford.

Public Roads—Bennett, of Stanly. Public Health—Cartwright, of Hyde. Manufacturing—Reinhart, of Lincoln. Military Affairs—Gardner, of Cleveland.

Inmate Asylums—Sykes, of Wake. Immigration—Armstrong, of Montgomery. Laws—Hartsell, of Cabarrus. Corporations—Bellamy, of Brunswick.

Judicial Districts—Hobgood, of Guilford. Joint Committees—Enrolled Bills, Thorne, of Nash; Justices of the Peace, Sigson, of Burke.

General Carr Had No Seat. It is an interesting fact that for sev-

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### FACTIONS IN CLASH.

Control of Patronage in Virginia Becomes an Issue.

Washington, January 6.—President Taft has this week been listening to statements about the control of the Federal patronage in Virginia. He must shortly decide who is to be up to the point in the Republican politics of the State. The situation stands this way: Representative Bascom Slomp, who managed to get back into the next House by a bare few hundred majority, and Alvin Martin, of Norfolk, Republican national committeeman, want the patronage. They claim it by long to them as heads of the Republican State organization. They need it if the organization is to be maintained.

Royal Cabell, commissioner of Internal Revenue, former postmaster of Richmond, and representative of a strong element of his party in the State, wants to be consulted about the appointments. Cabell, who has always been a protégé of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, was at the White House today with the Postmaster-General, and the two talked with the President about the patronage situation. Representative Slomp and Alvin Martin saw the President yesterday, and are to have another talk.

It is maintained that if Mr. Cabell is made the administration representative in Virginia he will be able to build the party up from among a good class of Democrats, disposed to be independent, while it is claimed, the same cannot be said of the Slomp-Martin aggregation.

As has been denied this, and say the party is as strong under their control as it has ever been. Mr. Martin is the only Republican who has ever been able to hold a big county office in Norfolk. He has been clerk of court there for years, and is a power. Slomp is at the other end of the State, and the two, it is declared, make a formidable combination.

THORNHILL WAGON WORKS WILL REBUILD IN LYNCHBURG

Lynchburg, Va., January 6.—The Thornhill Wagon Works, which had its plant destroyed by fire on December 9, has decided to rebuild in West Lynchburg, near the Fair Grounds, if city water is given the plant. The new factory is to be fireproof and will cost \$200,000, equipped. The capacity will be doubled. A number of places, including Roanoke and Altavista, made overtures to secure the plant.

CITY OF SUFFOLK BRINGS SUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY.

Suffolk, Va., January 6.—City Attorney Robert W. Withers today in the County Circuit Court filed the declaration of the suit of Suffolk against Nansemond county. The city seeks the return of a portion of the taxes collected by the county treasurer, and as equity in the county court-house and clerk's office, whose joint use is denied by the county supervisors. All efforts toward an amicable adjustment failing, the suit will go to the State Supreme Court.

## BURLEY TOBACCO UNION IS FORMED

Two Hundred Delegates Are Present at Convention in Lexington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Ky., January 6.—With three of the five Burley tobacco producing States, represented by more than 200 delegates at the big convention which began in Lexington Thursday, a temporary organization was effected. The Burley Tobacco Union was organized today, the articles of incorporation were drawn and adopted and will be filed within the next forty-eight hours. No specific amount of capital stock is named in the articles, but the limit of indebtedness is fixed at \$1,000,000, and Lexington is named as the principal place of business. The present temporary organization is for sixty days, and at the end of that time a permanent board of control, a president and all other necessary officers will be elected to succeed these chosen at this meeting.

Thirty-six counties of Kentucky were represented, and Ohio and Indiana had numerous delegates present. Missouri and West Virginia had no representatives here.

The new organization is almost entirely in the hands of men not identified with either the Burley Tobacco Society, of which Clarence Lebus is president, or the association of which Congressman J. Campbell Cantrell, of Kentucky, is president.

The Burley Society leaders are conspicuous only by their absence, but Cantrell has been on the scene every hour and to-day made a strong appeal to the new organization that it make itself a branch of the American Society of Equity. There is little prospect that such a proposition will be considered seriously, however, and unless the spirit that ruled the convention Thursday and to-day changes greatly before the next meeting, on March 6, the Burley Tobacco Union will remain independent of either of the organizations, as most of its members have done persistently in the past. It is very probable, however, that the new organization and the American Society of Equity will arrange a working agreement, though it is not thought likely that the leaders of the new movement will agree to an amalgamation of the two organizations.

On February 6 the board of directors of the new corporation will be elected, one from each tobacco company in the five Burley growing States at elections held at the county court-houses, the delegates voting for these directors to be selected in the precincts of the counties on the Saturday preceding the first Monday in February. The directors will meet March 6 and select the officers and whatever employees are necessary.

A very noticeable feature of the articles of incorporation is that the vice-president, secretary and treasurer hold their offices one year after their election by the directors, but the president and employees have done so since the beginning of the movement. The treasurer may be discharged at the will of the board, which shall show cause for such action. This is for the purpose of preventing any persons or clique from obtaining control as is now alleged in the Burley Society under Lebus.

This new movement is regarded as a concrete expression of the dissatisfaction of the growers with the management of the Burley Society under Lebus and his friends, and means the death of the Burley Society for lack of support.

WANTED TO GIVE UP BABY TO SETTLE COSTS IN CASE.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Statesville, N. C., January 6.—Peter Johns, representing himself as a half-breed from the Indian State of Oklahoma, and traveling with his family about the country in a wagon telling fortunes, was arrested here for stealing a farmer's hammer and wrench. The warrant was withdrawn on condition that Johns pay the cost—\$3.75. This he did. Johns' wife insisted on paying the costs with their baby instead of parting with the cash.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

Two Men Burned While Trying to Fill Reservoir of Gasoline Stove.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Burlington, N. C., January 6.—P. H. Hazlewood was badly burned here this morning by a gasoline explosion which occurred in the Piedmont Cafe. The clothing of C. D. Whitesell was also ignited, and he was painfully burned before the owner could reach him. The cause of the explosion was an attempt on the part of Mr. Hazlewood to fill the reservoir of a gasoline stove from a gallon measure while the fire of the stove was burning. Damage to the building was small.

## MOTHER AND CHILD LOSE THEIR LIVES

Wife and Son of Western Union Manager at Raleigh Asphyxiated.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—This community was shocked beyond expression this evening by the distressing news that Mrs. Bannister, wife of H. O. Bannister, manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and her seventeen-month-old son were asphyxiated this afternoon in the bathroom of their apartments. She prepared for a bath, using an instantaneous gas heater. Her child accompanied her. Later, a servant hearing the water flowing into the bathtub for an unusually long time, investigated, and was horrified to find the lifeless form of Mrs. Bannister on the floor, and that of the child across a chair. Just how the accident occurred is not known, but Mrs. Bannister evidently turned on the gas without properly lighting the heater, and was overcome by the deadly fumes, the child suffering the same horrible fate.

The servant braved the gas fumes, and had the presence of mind to turn it off. Physicians were summoned, but life was extinct in both mother and child when they arrived.

Mr. Bannister, who is almost prostrated, has been the popular manager of the Western Union local office four years, having come here from Richmond. Five years ago he married Miss Barbara Liffage, of Saiters, S. C.

KILLED IN RAILROAD SHOPS.

Aged Southern Railway Employee Is Crushed to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Spencer, N. C., January 6.—R. P. Bryson, aged seventy years, an employee of the Southern Railway Company, was killed in the shops here this afternoon by the falling of three pairs of truck wheels, weighing more than a ton. He was struck squarely on the head and died instantly.

He was a Confederate soldier, a local minister in the Western North Carolina Conference, and was well known. The breaking of a chain bearing the huge mass of iron caused his death. He is survived by a widow and one son.

Early Morning Fire in Henderson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Henderson, N. C., January 6.—Fire broke out in the stores occupied by Henry Thompson, Eugene Thorn and A. Wolf, located opposite the Seaboard Air Line depot, on Garnet Street, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage. The insurance on Thompson's stock will cover the loss; the others have no insurance. The buildings are owned by D. V. Cooper, Eugene Thorn and W. W. Parker, and all were seriously damaged.

BEEHY IS ACQUITTED.

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty Upon Instructions of Court.

Alexandria, Va., January 6.—A grand jury in the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddell presiding, this afternoon returned an indictment against Milton R. Beck for falsifying accounts and embezzling funds of the National Banking Association, after which the jury adjourned over for the term.

A verdict of not guilty was given by the petit jury this afternoon, upon instructions from the court, in the case of Edward T. Beery, charged with taking letters and their contents from the mails.

The taking of testimony in the case of John H. Craven for unlawfully pretending to be an employee of the United States was begun to-day.

Williams Winslow.

Leesburg, Va., January 6.—Cards are out announcing the marriage at Buffalo on Thursday, December 29, of Miss Pauline Marchal Winslow to Harrison Williams, of New York. Miss Winslow is a sister of Henry Clarke Winslow, of Buffalo. Mr. Williams is of counsel for the Erie Railroad. Mr. Williams has recently purchased an estate in Loudoun, upon which he will build a handsome residence in the spring, and will thereafter spend the summer months here.

Woodmen Install Officers.

Lawrenceville, Va., January 6.—Oakland Camp, No. 63, W. O. Camp, at its regular meeting Wednesday night, January 4, 1911, installed the following officers for the next term: G. L. Gettler, P. C.; J. J. Pond, C. C.; J. A. Browder, A. L.; H. D. Hall, S. P.; Darden, clerk; N. A. Spatie, S. E.; S. B. Norwood, watchman; E. T. Throckmorton, secretary; W. H. Lewis, physician; W. L. Edwards, manager.

There were present at the meeting a large number of sovereigns, among whom were quite a number from South Hill Camp, No. 55.

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will attend the funerals of her father, who died there suddenly.

Thomas H. Blunt continues critically ill at the home of his son on Spring Hill.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill is seriously ill at the home of her parents in Swansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith, of South Richmond, returned to their home yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Smith's father in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. A. Williamson is ill at Memorial Hospital.

Miss Gertrude Hughes is recovering from an attack of illness which has confined her to her home, 519 Perry Street, for the past two weeks.

Miss Nedra Hawks, of Ettrick, Va., is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Sadtler, of 21 East Eleventh Street.

The funeral of Miss Alta Howe, who died Wednesday night, was conducted from the residence yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Howie, of East Eleventh Street, were entertained during the holidays by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dr. W. H. Smith, of Richmond, will fill the pulpit of the Stockton Street Baptist Church, to-morrow morning.

The meetings at the Weatherford Memorial Church, in Swansboro, came to an end Thursday night.

Dr. J. G. Doctor, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Charles T. Jones, of South Richmond.

Miss May Traylor, of Forest Hill, has returned from a visit to friends in Amelia.

Miss Lizette Dennis has returned from a visit to West Point, where she has been the guest of Miss Anne Lee Bland.

Misses Mamie and Pearl Bertin, of Williamsport, Pa., had been visiting Mr. B. B. Jewett, of 154 Perry Street, were called home on account of illness in the family, and left for the North yesterday.

Installation of Officers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Philadelphia, Pa., January 6.—At the regular meeting of Greble Lodge, No. 137, I. O. O. F., held last night, the following officers were installed for the ensuing six months by Dr. Daniel A. Beecher, past grand master:

H. C. McCallister, past grand; James H. Turner, grand; A. F. Rome, vice-grand; R. H. Clark, recording secretary; S. H. Sayre, financial secretary; James Mitchell, treasurer; George W. Caine, chaplain.

The following were installed in Old Point Lodge, No. 114, by District Deputy Grand Master Daniel Johnson on Wednesday night:

John T. Kemp, sitting as past grand; James D. Turnham, noble grand; Roy Mason, vice-grand; Robert L. Edw. recording secretary; C. H. Warren, financial secretary; D. A. Beecher, treasurer; John Walford, chaplain.

Morton—Dixon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Eureka, Mo., January 6.—Miss Lula Dixon, daughter of L. T. Dixon, and William Joseph Morton were married at Beulah Methodist Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The wedding march was played by Miss Lola McNamara. Rev. Frank Burruss was the officiating clergyman. Davis Perkins, of Danville, and Miss Irene Dixon, sister of the bride, and Walter Pollard and Miss Ida May Bagby were the attendants.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Morton boarded a train on the Virginia Railway for a trip to the seashore. Their future home will be in Victoria.



## News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau.

The Times-Dispatch, 1103 Hull Street.

The brick work on the new fire engine station of South Richmond, at the southeast corner of Tenth and Bainbridge Streets, will begin to-day. The specifications and bids for the building will be open to-day.

The station is to be expensive and thoroughly equipped. The foundations of concrete will support a superstructure of brick and tile that will rise two stories. On the first floor will be the engine, hose wagon and other apparatus. The second floor will be given over to sleeping quarters for the men of the department, the number of which will probably be increased by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Pictures, specifications and bids for the automobile engine to be purchased are being received daily by Captain Smith, of the South Richmond department, and the Fire Board. The bids will be considered and given out at the next week.

The condition of the department and the fire protection afforded South Richmond is considered by the residents of that ward to be in every way satisfactory, but the contemplated improvements in the department are none the less appreciated. The pressure in the water mains has been found to be uniformly strong, and in many cases more pressure has been disclosed than is afforded in parts of Richmond proper.

To Render Decision To-Day.

As was announced by the court on Tuesday, Judge Wells, of the Housing Court, Part II, will render a decision this morning in the condemnation proceedings of the city of Richmond against the Lumpkin estate. The case involves the sum of \$5,000, and has been before the public for some time, having been once postponed. When the property has been secured by the city it will mean that nothing more stands in the way of the completion of Washington Park, and the work, which has been temporarily abandoned, will be finished by spring. Before the work can be carried farther, however, the new budget must be passed by the Council, in which money for this park is to be appropriated.

Judge Wells hopes to be able to adjourn court to-day, as there remain but a few chancery cases to be settled after the Lumpkin affair. The January term, which is the grand jury term, will open on January 16.

Under order of the grand jury, Thomas Smith, of the Manchester Post-Office, yesterday of the fact that he is to come under the civil service classification, in company with 2,237 other assistant postmasters all over the country, when the existence of his office as a separate office expires March 1, 1911. Until the executive order was issued by President Taft on September 20, 1910, the assistant postmasters of all the first and second-class offices had been appointed by the postmaster of each office, but now the position of assistant postmaster has been made a permanent position, depending, of course, on the efficiency of the holder. In other cases this order took effect December 1, but as Mr. Smith will be postmaster of the Manchester office as long as it remains such—until March 1—he will not come under the civil service regulations until that time.

In Oak Grove Court.

Squire W. A. Jacob, acting for Magistrate L. C. Cheatham in the Oak Grove court yesterday morning, found himself tangled in a family affair in the case of Della Pope against John Baugh, both colored, was called. More complicated private squabbles were disclosed when the alleged forgery case of Jones-Dowdy was investigated.

It was discovered since the issuance of the warrant for Robert Jones by Magistrate Cheatham that Albert Dowdy and Jones were doing business as partners at the time of the alleged forgery, and Jones, in reality, had as much right to order the goods mentioned in the warrant as Dowdy. A disagreement between the partners was responsible for the whole trouble, which never would have been aired in court if it had been known that the men were in business together.

The charge of trespass against Dowdy, preferred by Chris Jones, uncle of Robert Jones, in return for the "forgery" trouble, was discovered to be as groundless as the first charge, and both cases were dismissed by the magistrate, and the charges divided among the contending parties.

In the colored family skeleton was brought forth yesterday morning in the Oak Grove court, when John appeared to answer the charge of assault and battery preferred against him by his mother-in-law, Della Pope. The case was dismissed.

In Police Court.

James Maubey, colored, was tried before Justice Maurice, of the Police Court, Part Two, yesterday morning

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